

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

- 1. (original) An absorbent article having a stroking direction, a body facing surface, and an opposite clothing facing surface, the article comprising: a topsheet on the body facing surface; a backsheet on the clothing facing surface; and an absorbent core between the topsheet and the backsheet; wherein the topsheet is a three-dimensional vacuum formed film having a plurality of apertures extending from the body facing surface towards the absorbent core, the apertures defining stroking direction lands aligned with the stroking direction and transverse lands on the body facing surface aligned transverse to the stroking direction, the stroking direction lands being raised from the transverse lands by a distance of about 15 μm to about 145 μm.
- (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the transverse lands are recessed by a distance of about 20 μm to about 45 μm.
- 3. (currently amended) The article of claim I wherein the stroking direction lands include a microtexture on the body facing surface, wherein the microtexture is a plurality of microridges having a center to center spacing of about 50 µm to about 150 µm and a height of about 5 µm to about 75 µm and having a length and width, and the length is greater than the width.
- 4. (cancelled)

- 5. (original) The article of claim 4 wherein the lengths are generally aligned with the stroking direction.
- 6. (original) The article of claim 1 wherein a plurality of the apertures define a boat shape cell near the body facing surface.
- 7. (original) The article of claim 1 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 8. (original) The article of claim 2 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 9. (original) The article of claim 3 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 10. (original) The article of claim 4 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 11. (original) The article of claim 5 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 12. (original) The article of claim 6 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.

- 13. (original) A vacuum formed film topsheet for an absorbent article, the topsheet comprising: an upper, body facing, surface and an opposite lower surface; apertures defining lands on the upper surface and tips on the lower surface, the apertures extending from lands on the upper surface to the tips on the lower surface; the lands comprising stroking direction lands aligned substantially with a stroking direction and transverse lands aligned substantially transverse to a stroking direction, the stroking direction lands being raised relative to the transverse direction land by a distance greater than about 15 µm and less than about 145 µm to create a silky tactile impression.
- 14. (original) The topsheet of claim 13 wherein the stroking direction lands are raised by a distance greater than about 20 μm and less than about 45 μm.
- 15. (currently amended) The topsheet of claim 13 wherein the stroking direction lands have a microtexture to increase the silky tactile impression, wherein the microtexture is a plurality of microridges having a center to center spacing of about 50 µm to about 150 µm and a height of about 5 µm to about 75 µm and having a length and width, and the length is greater than the width.
- 16. (cancelled)
- 17. (original) The topsheet of claim 16 wherein the lengths are generally aligned with the stroking direction.

- 18. (original) The topsheet of claim 13 wherein the apertures define a boat shape cell near the body facing surface.
- 19. (original) The topsheet of claim 13 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.
- 20. (original) The topsheet of claim 15 having a Silky Tactile Impression Rating of about 5 or less.